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12. FOLLOWING IS POST'S CONTRIBUTION TO DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT ON TERRORISM, KEYED TO SUGGESTED FORMAT.

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(1) MOROCCO

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(2) RELATIONSHIP WITH PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION:  
THE PLO HAS HAD A DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN RABAT SINCE  
11971. GOM-PLO RELATIONS SOURED IN 1987 OVER THE SEATING  
OF A POLISARIO REPRESENTATIVE AT THE PALESTINIAN  
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN ALGIERS, RESULTING IN THE  
DOWNGRADING OF RELATIONS AND DEPARTURE OF PLO BUREAU  
CHIEF ABU MARWAN. RELATIONS WERE NOT BROKEN, HOWEVER,  
AND PLO RABAT BUREAU ACTING CHIEF MOHAMMED AL-ALAMI  
PRESIDES OVER A STAFF OF A HALF DOZEN, INCLUDING A PRESS  
ATTACHE, TWO SECURITY OFFICERS AND TWO SECRETARY-  
COMMUNICATORS. THE BUREAU'S ACTIVITIES, WHICH  
ARE MONITORED BY THE GOM, INCLUDE THE SUPPORT OF  
PALESTINIANS STUDYING IN MOROCCO AND PROMOTION OF PLO  
VIEWPOINTS IN THE MOROCCAN MEDIA. EXPATRIATE PLO BUREAU  
STAFF MEMBERS ENJOY DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND ARE  
ACTIVE IN THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. ACCORDING TO  
KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES, THE BUREAU MAKES EVERY EFFORT  
TO STAY OUT OF INTERNAL MOROCCAN POLITICS AND, TO THE  
BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, TAKES NO PART IN ANY ACTIVITY  
RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. IN KEEPING WITH  
THIS POLICY, THE LOCAL BUREAU WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE  
CASE OF A PLO SPLINTER GROUP, INVOLVING FOUR TERRORISTS  
WHO CAME FROM TUNISIA IN AUGUST 1986 AND WERE PROMPTLY  
ARRESTED IN CASABLANCA.

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